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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - January 1986

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I. GENERAL

A. At month's end the dollar had fallen to its lowest rate against the yen in seven years--\$1=192 yen--and then dipped even further on 3 February to \$1=190 yen. In reviewing our FY-86 budget to comply with cuts imposed by the Gramm-Rudman law, we found \$130,000 in non-personal services money that could be given up, but also confirmed a shortfall of \$265,000 in personnel costs caused by the exchange rate. We will be able to offset \$82,000 of this by other personnel cost savings, leaving an MLC shortfall of \$183,000. The yen rate offered at American Express Bank and local money changers dipped by 4 February to a new low of 188 yen per dollar, a sharp contrast to rates a year ago of 260-plus yen to one dollar. Offbase shopping and dining continue to be less attractive to U.S. employees and families.

B. The bureau chief, staff cruiser and Hong Kong Philippines monitor carried out the second part of the Philippines medium wave content survey from Cebu City 13-24 January.

C. The bureau's new ROSET-cruising addition to the operations building was basically completed by month's end. Cables for our 10-meter ROSET dish and for the new PESOS are in place. The room will incorporate two large TV monitors, the automatic facsimile processor and six video recorders and amplifiers. Thus, all video monitoring and recording will be centrally located and manned. We now plan to begin PESOS testing in February.

D. A spectacular fire in the sugarcane field near the operations building on 21 January enlivened an otherwise routine evening shift. The fire, fanned by high winds, burned some 15 acres of sugarcane across the road and a few hundred yards toward the sea. Japanese police alerted the bureau at 6:45 p.m. and the bureau called out two local and two military

fire companies, which brought a total of 25 vehicles to the scene at one point. The bureau and its antenna field escaped damage. Cause of the fire was not determined.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. A gasoline arson attack against ten cars belonging to Japanese Self-Defense Force personnel at a Naha apartment complex early on 13 January caused a security alert on U.S. bases delaying FBIS bus service for two days. All vehicles were searched at base gates by heavily armed guards and all IDs checked, causing a several mile-long backup on Highway 58. The first morning of the alert the home bound office bus was delayed three hours. Informal bureau watch coverage of local radio newscasts was formalized to ensure first reports of such incidents are quickly available to U.S. military consumers. The security alert was prolonged after a telephone threat to the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, allegedly from an Islamic Jihad member in Japan, who threatened to attack U.S. bases in Japan "if our people are attacked again."

2. Bureau Russian and Korean units combined forces to confirm for Analysis Group consumers that North Korean leader Kim Il-song's son and heir-apparent, Kim Chong-il, did indeed attend functions for visiting USSR Foreign Minister Shevardnadze on 22 January. After AG queried, noting that Soviet media had failed to mention the son's presence, Russian unit chief [] and Japanese/Korean monitor [] jointly viewed Moscow TV tapes and quickly spotted long-haired son Kim Chong-il sitting at the right hand of his father, where he belonged.

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3. Publishable wordage for the month rose to the highest level since October 1985, buoyed by heavy processing from Japanese TV of major Diet session speeches by Prime Minister Nakasone, Foreign Minister Abe and other leaders at the Diet's 104th regular session reopening 27 January. TV processing was three to four times the normal monthly level for Japanese monitors, who texted the lengthy leader speeches in good time despite the unit chief's absence on sick leave.

4. New Chinese monitor trainee [] arrived from Taiwan on 8 January as the first of three replacements expected this year. Russian monitor [] and bride [] departed 10 January after four years at Okinawa for leave and a Russian Orthodox wedding ceremony in Sydney prior to transferring to Austrian Bureau, stopping off for TDY at London Bureau to assist in the CPSU Congress processing.

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B. Cruising

Satellite and shortwave cruising continued unabated during staffer [] two-week absence in the Philippines, with extensive checks of the new Intelsat at 66 East which replaced the 57 East Intelsat,

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and comparative observations on reports by Bangkok's new ROSET system. In shortwave and mediumwave cruising, 14 Chinese regional and domestic service program schedules were updated, as well as five international press agencies.

C. Technical

The external armored door for the bureau safehaven in the engineering shop was installed in January, and the interior door mounts were ready for installation at month's end.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. MLC Japanese monitor-trainee [] resigned effective 31 January; he had been in training since November 1984. We are now recruiting for a Japanese/Korean/English monitor to replace retiring Korean-Japanese monitor []. Neither of our last two MLC employees were able to qualify.

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2. On 31 January the bureau chief presented retired MLC cruising monitor [] a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Air Force and a 137,000 yen cash award from the Japanese Government for his distinguished 30-year career with FBIS.

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B. Building and Grounds

1. Bureau staffers met with Pan Asia, the housing recapitalization architect/engineering firm, and the Okinawa District Army Engineers staff on 16 January to review bureau comments on pre-concept design drawings by Pan Asia. All comments were accepted except for some involving location of utilities. On 30 January the bureau was advised that Pan Asia would not be able to complete the 90% pre-concept design by the 27 January deadline, but would finish by 21 February. The firm had omitted plans for two types of houses in its early drafts. Even with the delay, the Corps of Engineers has assured us that we will be able to use FY-86 funds to raze the 37-year-old double quonset and to replace it with a duplex with two 3-bedroom units, as planned.

2. Weatherproofing and repainting were completed on five senior staff houses and three others under a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers and American Engineering. All housing units were inventoried in late January prior to the scheduled change of logistics officer in February.

IV. VISITORS

To The Bureau:

Capt. John Moore, commander, U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Hanza, with Cmdr. Ellison and Lt. Cmdr. Stagnelli, 3 January, for briefing

and orientation; [] Chief Department of Defense Special Representative, Japan, and Charles Gibson, DOD Special Representative for Okinawa, 8 January, for briefing and lunch; FBIS Headquarters TDY editorial trainee [] from 5 January for her 12-week TDY; Dr. John Slocum, Tokyo Embassy Regional Medical Officer, on 16-17 January, for routine consultation and visits with bureau staff.

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From The Bureau:

Staff regional cruiser [] departed 6 January for two days TDY at FBIS Hong Kong Bureau en route to Bangkok Bureau, where he will be on long-term TDY to operate the new ROSET system; bureau chief, deputy, administrative and logistics officers to a farewell party for Mr. Ray M. Mincey, Army Corps of Engineers Okinawa District office, on 24 January, when an FBIS certificate of appreciation was presented by the bureau chief; bureau Chinese/Tagalog monitor [] remained on TDY at Hong Kong Bureau throughout January, and will be extended beyond the 7 February Philippines elections at Hong Kong request.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The bureau bowling league, the historic "East China Sea Rollers," marked their first half season of the year with a Mongolian barbeque at a local restaurant, where trophies were awarded to high average winners

[] The acting bureau chief represented FBIS at a Kadena Air Base memorial luncheon on 15 January marking Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, at which 313th Air Division commander Brig. General Donald Snyder spoke.

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Attachment:

Engineering Equipment

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ENGINEERING

Equipment Received:	Sony portable receivers, Model 2001D, Serial Number 28542, 16856
Equipment Transferred:	None
Equipment Disposal:	None

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,211,510
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	445,750
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,356

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II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,920 min.	40,040 min.	175.79 issues
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
English

5,400

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	830
Beijing International Service to North America in English	---
Beijing International Service in Japanese	1,890
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	2,590
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	1,750
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	4,520
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	20,140
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,650
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,830
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,480
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	14,850
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	7,730
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	6,040
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	570

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PRESS
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PUBLI-
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Beijing XINHUA in		
English	484,180	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in		
Chinese	171,240	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in		
English		4,550
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in		
Chinese		7,960
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in		
Chinese		3,920
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in		
Chinese		1,900
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in		
Chinese		400
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in		
Chinese		2,060
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in		
Chinese		1,350

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in
Mandarin

JAPAN

Naha Radio NHK in Japanese		
Japanese	420	
Tokyo NHK Television Network in		
Japanese	28,150	
Tokyo JPS in		
English		1,690
Tokyo KYODO in		
English		156,550
Tokyo JIJI in		
English		10,980
Tokyo AKAHATA in		
Japanese		---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in		
Japanese		9,650
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in		
English		18,400
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in		
English		2,150
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in		
English		12,500

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,970
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			7,970
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,540
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			16,390
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			12,130
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,850
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		430	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		6,870	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		9,310	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	3,330		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	280		
Taipei CNA in English		26,550	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			7,400
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			2,140
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	4,790		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	3,720		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,220		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	1,250		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	1,140		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	19,500		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	1,520		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	25,290		
Hanoi VNA in English		54,600	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	